AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] As seen in Figure 1, outer face 14 of end panel 12 includes a pair of apertures 38, 40. In that regard, connecting screws are inserted into apertures 38, 40 to securely connect end cap 10 with an inner gutter bracket 62 (see Fig. 9) having correspondingly positioned openings 64, 66, so that the end cap can be screwed to the bracket and thereby remain securely in place. Additionally, extending inwardly from inner face 16 of end cap 10, and aligned with respective apertures 38, 40 is a pair of bosses 42, 44, which include respective passageways 46, 48 that are aligned with respective ones of apertures 38, 40. Bosses 42, 44 can have a length such that the free ends of the bosses are adapted to contact the gutter bracket. Passageways 46, 48 serve to guide the connecting screws to contact the bracket at correspondingly positioned screw-receiving apertures in the bracket.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] As an alternative method of connecting the end cap 10 with the gutter bracket 62, the bosses 42, 44 can carry engagement elements that are received in the adjacent gutter bracket 62 for interconnecting the end cap with the bracket. Figure 8 shows one such alternative possible form of engagement element, in the form of a flexible, wedge-shaped end 50 formed on the outer end

of the extended bosses 42, 44. End 50 includes one or more inclined arms 52 and is sized so that it fits into corresponding apertures in the gutter bracket 62 and passes therethrough so that arms 52 extend from the opposite side of the bracket and engage the bracket side to prevent removal of the associated boss from the bracket. A further alternative can be an interference fit between extended bosses 42, 44 and a corresponding aperture formed in the gutter bracket 62.

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] As will be apparent from the foregoing, and as best seen in Figure 9, the present invention provides an end cap 10 that includes a first ~~, gutter trough~~ closure region 54 and a second ~~, above trough~~ closure region 56. First closure region 54 is adjacent to gutter trough 58, and second closure region 56 is above first closure region 54 and is adjacent to a gutter cover panel 60. First region 54 serves to block the flow of water within gutter trough 58 so that the water does not flow out from the gutter ends, to thereby confine the water to instead exit from the gutter through one or more downspouts (not shown). Second region 56 serves to block the area between gutter trough 58 and ~~a~~ gutter cover panel 60, an area that would otherwise be open, to prevent the entry of leaves or other debris into the gutter from an otherwise open gutter end. The outer peripheral wall of end cap 10 includes a gap 68 between the end cap top wall 20 and the end cap rear wall 22 to receive a gutter rear wall panel portion.